



into a language used in the destination when the sentence is expressed by characters written in a language different from the language used in the destination of the electronic mail, wherein the transmission unit transmits translation results obtained by the transmission unit to the destination of the electronic mail.

6. An electronic mail apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the image forming unit forms translated image data of the translation results expressed by characters written in the language used in the destination when the display control unit cannot text-display characters written in the language used in the destination of the electronic mail, and

the display control unit displays a screen on which the translated image data is edited.

7. An electronic mail apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the image data forming unit forms the translated image data of the translation results expressed by characters written in the language used in the destination when the display control unit cannot text-display the characters written in the language used in the destination of the electronic mail, and

the electronic mail apparatus further comprises a synthesizing unit forming synthesized image data obtained by combining image data formed by the image data forming unit and corresponding to the input sentence with the translated image data, and

the transmission unit transmits the synthesized image data to the destination of the electronic mail.

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8. An electronic mail apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the transmission unit transmits the image data as an attached file to the destination of the electronic mail.

9. An electronic mail transmission method comprising:  
the input step of inputting a sentence serving as the contents of an electronic mail;

the image data forming step of forming image data corresponding to the input sentence by using the input sentence;  
and

the transmission step of transmitting the formed image data to the destination of the electronic mail.

10. An electronic mail transmission method according to claim 9, further comprising

the determination step of checking whether the input sentence should be transmitted as text data or image data,

wherein, when it is determined by the determination that the sentence should be transmitted as image data, in the transmission step, the image data is transmitted to the destination of the electronic mail.

11. An electronic mail transmission method according to claim 10,

wherein, in the determination step, when it is determined that the text data of the input sentence cannot be correctly displayed in the destination of the electronic mail, it is determined that the image data should be transmitted.

5/17 12. An electronic mail transmission method according to claim 9, further comprising the display control step of using

text data of the sentence to display the sentence on a screen,  
wherein, in the image data forming step, image data  
corresponding to a sentence written in a format displayed on  
the screen is formed.

13. An electronic mail transmission method according to  
claim 9, further comprising the translation step of translating  
the sentence into a language used in the destination when the  
input sentence is expressed by characters written in a language  
different from the language used in the destination of the  
electronic mail,

wherein, in the transmission step, translation results  
are transmitted to the destination of the electronic mail.

14. An electronic mail transmission method according to  
claim 13,

wherein the image forming step forms translated image  
data of the translation results expressed by characters written  
in the language used in the destination when the characters  
written in the language used in the destination of the  
electronic mail cannot be text-displayed, and

the electronic mail transmission method further  
comprises the image edition step of editably displaying the  
translated image data on a screen.

15. An electronic mail transmission method according to  
claim 13,

wherein the image data forming step forms translated  
image data of the translation results expressed by characters  
written in the language used in the destination when the

characters written in the language used in the destination of the electronic mail cannot be text-displayed, and

the electronic mail transmission method further comprises the synthesizing step of forming synthesized image data obtained by combining the formed image data corresponding to the input sentence with the translated image data, and

in the transmission step, the synthesized image data is transmitted to the destination of the electronic mail.

16. An electronic mail transmission method according to claim 9, wherein the image data is transmitted as an attached file to the destination of the electronic mail.

17. A computer-readable recording medium which records a program for causing a computer to execute:

the input step of inputting a sentence serving as the contents of an electronic mail;

the image data forming step of forming image data corresponding to the input sentence by using the input sentence; and

the transmission step of transmitting the formed image data to the destination of the electronic mail.

18. A computer-readable recording medium according to claim 17, which records the program further including

the determination step of checking whether the input sentence should be transmitted as text data or image data,

wherein, when it is determined by the determination that the sentence should be transmitted as image data, in the transmission step, the image data is transmitted to the

destination of the electronic mail.

19. A computer-readable recording medium according to claim 18, which records the program

wherein, in the determination step, when it is determined that the text data of the input sentence cannot be correctly displayed in the destination of the electronic mail, it is determined that the image data should be transmitted.

20. A computer-readable recording medium according to claim 17, which records the program further including the display control step of using text data of the sentence to display the sentence on a screen,

wherein, in the image data forming step, image data corresponding to a sentence written in a format displayed on the screen is formed.

21. A computer-readable recording medium according to claim 17, which records the program

further comprising the translation step of translating the sentence into a language used in the destination when the input sentence is expressed by characters written in a language different from the language used in the destination of the electronic mail

wherein, in the transmission step, translation results are transmitted to the destination of the electronic mail.

22. A computer-readable recording medium according to claim 21, which records the program

wherein the image forming step forms translated image data of the translation results expressed by characters written

in the language used in the destination when the characters written in the language used in the destination of the electronic mail cannot be text-displayed, and

the program further comprises the image edition step of editably displaying the translated image data on a screen.

23. A computer-readable recording medium according to claim 21, which records the program

wherein the image data forming step forms translated image data of the translation results expressed by characters written in the language used in the destination when the characters written in the language used in the destination of the electronic mail cannot be text-displayed, and

the program further comprises the synthesizing step of forming synthesized image data obtained by combining the formed image data corresponding to the input sentence with the translated image data, and

in the transmission step, the synthesized image data is transmitted to the destination of the electronic mail.

24. A computer-readable recording medium according to claim 17, which records the program wherein the image data is transmitted as an attached file to the destination of the electronic mail.